

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 4, and 5 have been amended to delete multiple-dependency and claims 6-11 have been added accordingly.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

3. (Amended) The lithium battery claimed in Claim 1 [or 2], wherein said gel electrolyte is obtained by hardening a mixture of a liquid electrolyte and a monomer having at least two polymerizable functional groups in its molecular chain.
4. (Amended) The lithium battery claimed in [any one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, wherein said lithium salt [is] comprises  $\text{LiBF}_4$ .
5. (Amended) The lithium battery claimed in [any one of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, wherein the organic solvent constituting said liquid electrolyte contains  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone in an amount of not smaller than 50% by weight.